



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

LARRY S. EOFF, ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/759,676

Filed: January 16, 2004

Title: "METHODS OF USING SEALANTS IN  
MULTILATERAL JUNCTIONS"

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Group Art Unit: 3676

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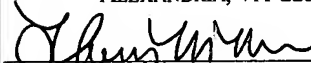
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit the following documents to be filed with the United  
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- Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to Non-Final Office Action, Mailed  
December 6, 2005; and
- Return receipt postcard.

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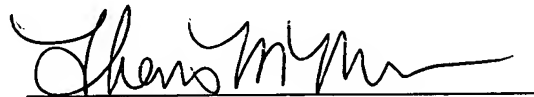
**Fee for Additional Claims**

Additional claims have been added to this application, resulting in an additional fee as calculated below:

Fee Calculation					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims:	60	- 76 =	0	x \$50 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims:	10	- 3 =	7	x \$200 =	\$ 1400.00
Total Additional Claims Fee =					\$ 1400.00

Applicants believe that \$1400.00 in fees are due with this response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and direct that any additional fees be charged to Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order Number 063718.0301, for any underpayment of fees that may be due in association with this filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
**For FY 2006**☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 1,400.00

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/759,676
Filing Date	January 16, 2004
First Named Inventor	Larry S. Eoff
Examiner Name	Zakiya W. Bates
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For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

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**FEE CALCULATION (All the fees below are due upon filing or may be subject to a surcharge.)****1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims.

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 20 or HP =	x	=	

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
10 - 3 or HP =	7 x	200	1,400.00

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**3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

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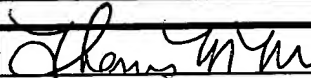
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Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

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Date February 24, 2006

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.136. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 30 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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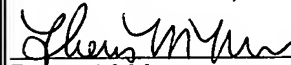
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO  
NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED DECEMBER 6, 2005**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 6, 2005 (the "Office  
Action"), Applicants submit this Response.

- Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper;
- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that  
begins on page 3 of this paper;
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper;
- Summary begins on page 13 of this paper.